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Dear Dr. McAllister:

I have been chosen chairman of the Third Biennial FASEB (Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology) Conference on Protein Kinases, to be held in Copper Mountain, Colorado July 16-21, 1989. This letter is to explain a bit about this conference, and to ask if your organization would be willing to provide some degree of financial support for this meeting.

As you probably know, the FASEB summer conferences are modeled along the lines of the historically very successful Gordon Conferences, and in their first several years of operation have proven to be very popular with participants. I enclose a detailed program for this year's conference, but very briefly, the conference will be organized as follows:

Plenary session speakers will be Yasutomi Nishizuka, one of the world's foremost authorities on protein kinase C, and Dr. Edwin Krebs, one of the discoverers of the cyclic AMP-dependent protein kinase and an international authority on protein kinases of all types. There will be half day sessions on protein kinase C: structure, function, and cellular substrates; mitogen and cell cycle-regulated protein kinases; cyclic nucleotide kinases; tyrosine kinases (viral and cellular); tyrosine kinases (receptors); protein phosphatases; protein kinases and gene transcription; and calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinases. Speakers include some of the foremost and most widely respected authorities in their respective fields, and the conference should be very exciting from the scientific point of view.

The Vice-chairman for this year's conference will be Jackie D. Corbin of Vanderbilt University. The protein kinase conference has proven to be among the most popular FASEB conferences in attracting participants in the past, and if past years are any indication, we expect approximately 150 total participants including the 40 or so speakers who have already accepted invitations. This meeting is the only one of its type (i.e. FASEB or Gordon Conference) devoted exclusively to the field of protein kinases, which are in a particularly exciting time in their history given their central roles in all aspects of cellular function. We believe that the meeting will be timely, important, and will foster the exchange of new and unpublished information among leading scientists in this field.

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As noted above, the purpose of this letter is to request funds from your organization for partial support of this conference. Due to increases in airfares and other expenses, especially for speakers from abroad, we have estimated that the conference will cost at least \$50,000, of which FASEB itself can contribute approximately \$6,500. We have applied for federal grant support for some of the remainder, but we are dependent on private organizations such as yours for the remaining funds. We are particularly anxious that this conference should be well-supported this year, since any extra money will be used to support the travel and other expenses of young investigators who will be chosen from submitted abstracts to present short talks at the meeting. We feel this is particularly important given the fact that many of these young scientists would be unable to attend the meeting given their usual financial difficulties.

If I can provide you with any further information about the conference, please feel free to get in touch with either Jackie Corbin or me. I would greatly appreciate any support you could give us to support this important meeting; as has been customary in the past, any financial contributions will be acknowledged in the conference program, on plaques to be displayed at the meeting, and on posters advertising the meeting. We would also invite applications to attend the meeting from interested scientists in your organization.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

With best wishes,



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